

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)
and Voluntary Surrender of the)
Educator Certificate of)
Donald R. Weyls)
Certificate 230099)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
AND REVOCATION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on May 14, 2008. On November 14, 2007, the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Donald R. Weyls, certificate 230099, as a result of his arrest on October 30, 2007, in Summerville, South Carolina. Mr. Weyls was arrested and charged with three counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and two counts of Enticing an Enrolled Child from Attendance in Public School. Mr. Weyls' arrest was based on allegations that he persuaded a female student to leave school with him and have lunch with him off-campus. On November 19, 2007, the South Carolina State Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Mr. Weyls of the summary suspension and his right to a hearing by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. The return receipt indicates that Mr. Weyls received notice on November 23, 2007. Mr. Weyls did not notify the SCDE that he wanted a hearing in this matter and has therefore waived his right to a hearing.

Mr. Weyls was arrested for three counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and two counts of Enticing an Enrolled Child from Attendance in Public School. As part of a plea agreement with the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office and with the advice of his attorney, Mr. Weyls has agreed to voluntarily and permanently surrender his educator certificate 230099. This permanent voluntary surrender will result in the revocation of his educator

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certificate and shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts. On April 21, 2008 Mr. Weyls entered a guilty plea to one count of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and one count of Enticing an Enrolled Child from Attendance in Public School.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Weyls holds a professional educator certificate and has two years of teaching experience. Mr. Weyls was employed by the Dorchester County School District Two (District) as a social studies teacher at Summerville High School in Summerville, South Carolina. On October 25, 2007, Mr. Weyls was involved in an incident at the school with a female student whom he persuaded to leave the school campus with him in his car and have lunch with him off-campus. Mr. Weyls asked the female student to lie about the incident. The Superintendent placed Mr. Weyls on administrative leave on October 29, 2007, while the District conducted an investigation into this matter. On October 30, 2007, Mr. Weyls voluntarily resigned from his employment with the District in lieu of termination. On October 30, 2007, Mr. Weyls was arrested at the District office and charged with three counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and two counts of Enticing an Enrolled Child from Attendance in Public School.

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On April 21, 2008, Mr. Weyls entered a guilty plea to one count of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and one count of Enticing an Enrolled Child from Attendance in Public School. As a part of the plea

agreement, Mr. Weyls has agreed to permanently surrender his South Carolina educator's certificate.

Mr. Weyls voluntarily agrees to the permanent surrender of his certificate 230099 and agrees to the following conditions: (1) his educator certificate will become permanently invalid and revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the permanent voluntary surrender; (2) he may never re-apply for a South Carolina educator certificate; (3) he has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (4) he agrees that his surrender will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and revocation with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, immorality, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (Supp. 2006). Just cause includes: "Unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, immorality, and evident unfitness for position for which employed." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (Supp. 2006). The State Board finds that the evidence presented, which is undisputed by Mr. Weyls, supports the State Board's decision that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of educator certificate 230099, issued under the name of Donald R. Weyls, and to permanently revoke this educator certificate effective May 14, 2008. The permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation of Mr. Weyls' educator certificate 230099 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South

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Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, immorality, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

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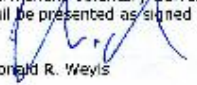
By:


Al Simpson, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

May 14, 2008

I, Donald R. Weyls, S.C. Educator Certificate 230099, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of education certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. I agree that I will not serve as a volunteer or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation, consisting of four pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the South Carolina State Board of Education on May 14, 2008.


Donald R. Weyls

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